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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Subramanian on 2/18/04.

On page 11 line 17 of the specification "Brief Description of the Drawings" has been added.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The cited prior art fails to teach or anticipate the claimed system comprising a temperature history imaging device for currentless tracing of a thermal history of a test element. Page 7 of the specification defines the claimed currentless device as a "system temperature history device" (STHD). The remainder of the specification describes different embodiments of the STHD which has been read as embodiments of the claimed "currentless device".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lyle A Alexander whose telephone number is 571-272-1254. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on 571-272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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